

FANNIE KAUTZ.

JANUARY 25, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STRODE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 989.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 989) increasing the pension of Mrs. Fannie Kautz, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Mrs. Kautz is the widow of the late August V. Kautz, brigadier-general, United States Army, and major-general, United States Volunteers, whose service, both as a volunteer soldier and as an officer in the Regular Army, is fully set forth in the following reports from the War Department:

Statement of the military service of August V. Kautz, late private, Company G, First Ohio Infantry, Mexican War Volunteers, and brigadier-general and brevet major-general, United States Volunteers.

The official records show that August V. Kautz was enrolled June 8, 1846, and mustered into service June 26, 1846, as a private in Company G, First Ohio Infantry, Mexican War Volunteers, to serve twelve months, and that he was mustered out of service as a private with the company June 14, 1847.

He is regarded by this Department as having been mustered into service in the grade of colonel, Second Ohio Cavalry Volunteers, to take effect from October 1, 1862, and he is reported on the muster rolls of that regiment as follows: October 31, 1862, presence or absence not stated; to June 30, 1863, present; October 31, 1863, which is the date of the next muster roll on file, detached as chief of cavalry in General Hartsuff's staff; December 31, 1863, detailed as chief of cavalry, Twenty-third Army Corps; April 30, 1864 (four months muster), detailed in cavalry bureau at Washington.

The records also show that he was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers May 10, 1864, to rank from May 7, 1864; that he accepted the commission May 23, 1864; that it has been determined by this Department that he vacated his commission as colonel Second Ohio Cavalry Volunteers May 23, 1864, by his acceptance of the commission as brigadier-general; that he was on duty until July 1, 1865, when he was ordered to proceed to his residence and await orders, and that he was honorably mustered out of service as brigadier-general of volunteers January 15, 1866.

It appears that he commanded the First Brigade, Fourth Division, Army of Central Kentucky, from May 11, 1863, to August 10, 1863; that he was chief of cavalry on the staff of General Hartsuff from August 10, 1863, to January 5, 1864; that he was chief assistant to General Wilson, in charge of cavalry bureau, Washington, D. C., from January 31, 1864, to April 20, 1864; that he was chief of cavalry, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, and in command of the cavalry division, Eighteenth Army Corps, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, from April 20, 1864, to January 12, 1865; that he was in command of the cavalry division, Department of Virginia, from January 12, 1865, to March 20, 1865; that he commanded the First Division, Twenty-fifth Army Corps, from March 27, 1865, to May 9, 1865; and that from May 9 to June 30, 1865, he was a member of the military commission appointed to try the conspirators for the assassination of President Lincoln.

It also appears that the commands with which he was serving participated in the

following battles: Monterey, Mexico, September 21 to 23, 1846; Monticello, Ky., May 1 and 29, 1863, and June 9, 1863; Buffington Island, Ohio, July 19, 1863, during Morgan's raid; the siege of Knoxville, Tenn., from November 17, 1863, to December 4, 1863; the raids on the Richmond and Danville Railroad from May 12 to 17, 1864, and on the Southside and Danville Railroad from June 22 to July 2, 1864, which are commonly known as "Kautz's raids;" and in the various cavalry operations incident to the siege of Petersburg, Va., from June 9, 1864, to March 23, 1865.

The records further show that he was commissioned a brigadier-general of volunteers upon the telegraphic request of Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant, dated April 15, 1864; that in a communication dated October 6, 1864, his appointment as brevet major-general of volunteers was recommended by Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler "for gallant and meritorious services in conducting the cavalry expedition and cutting the Weldon Railroad on the 5th of May, 1864, and again cutting the Danville and Richmond Road on the 16th of May; again for gallant service in the expedition under General Wilson, bringing his own cavalry safe from the attack of the enemy, and, last, for his vigilance and successful movements in the late advance on the north side of the James;" that he was commissioned major-general of volunteers by brevet, to rank from October 28, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services during the campaign against Richmond, Va., and that he was assigned to duty with brevet rank in orders dated March 24, 1865.

Of his conduct during the Morgan raid in Ohio from July 1 to 26, 1863, General Shackelford, commanding the First Brigade, Second Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, reported as follows: "Colonel Kautz deserves the gratitude of the whole country for his energy and gallantry."

The medical records furnish no evidence of his treatment in hospital while in the volunteer service.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

F. C. AINSWORTH,

Colonel, United States Army, Chief Record and Pension Office.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,

War Department, January 25, 1896.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, January 23, 1896.

Statement of the military service of August V. Kautz, late of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

He served as a cadet at the United States Military Academy July 1, 1848, to July 1, 1852, when he was graduated and appointed brevet second lieutenant, Fourth Infantry, July 1, 1852; second lieutenant, March 24, 1853; first lieutenant, December 4, 1855; captain, Third Cavalry, May 14, 1861; Sixth Cavalry, August 3, 1861; lieutenant-colonel, Thirty-fourth Infantry, July 28, 1866; transferred to Fifteenth Infantry March 15, 1869; colonel, Eighth Infantry, June 8, 1874; brigadier-general, April 20, 1891; retired, January 5, 1892.

Brevet rank: Major, June 9, 1863, for gallant and meritorious services in action at Monticello, Ky.; lieutenant-colonel, June 9, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in attack on Petersburg, Va.; colonel, October 7, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in action on the Darbytown road, Virginia; brigadier-general and major-general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in the field during the war.

SERVICE.

He was on duty at Fort Columbus, N. Y., September 30, to October 25, 1852; en route to and with regiment on frontier duty in Washington and Oregon to May 16, 1861, being frequently in the field in operation against hostile Indians, participating in the Rogue River expedition in 1855, on which he was wounded October 25, 1855; engaged in the action at Hungry Hill, Oregon, November 1, 1855, and was wounded in the action at White River, Washington, March 1, 1856. He was also quartermaster of the Northwestern Boundary Commission in 1858 and 1859. He was on leave and detached duty October 24, 1859, to December 5, 1860.

He was on recruiting service from May to August, 1861, when he joined the Sixth Cavalry and served with it in the defenses of Washington, to March 10, 1862, and in the Army of the Potomac, to September 20, 1862, being engaged in the following battles, actions, etc.: Siege of Yorktown, April 5 to May 4, 1862; Williamsburg, Va.,

May 4 and 5, 1862; New Bridge, Virginia, May 20, 1862; Ellisons Mills, May 23 and 24, 1862; Hanover Court-House, May 25 to 29, 1862; Black Creek, Virginia, June 26, 1862; Malvern Hill, Virginia, June 30 to July 2 and August 4 to 6, 1862; Falls Church, Va., September 4, 1862; Sugar Loaf Mountain, Maryland, September 10, 1862, and Antietam, Md., September 16 and 17, 1862. (In volunteer service September 10, 1862, to January 15, 1866.)

He was on duty as judge-advocate, Division of the Gulf, March 3 to August 15, 1866, and of the Department of the Gulf to August 29, 1866; on leave of absence and before examining board to October 27, 1866; awaiting orders to December 26, 1866, when he joined his regiment and commanded it in Tennessee and Mississippi to September 6, 1867. In arrest and awaiting sentence of general court-martial until acquitted and restored to duty December 26, 1867; commanding post of Columbus, Miss., to July 2, 1868; on leave and awaiting orders to June, 1869; with regiment in New Mexico to April, 1872.

Commanding recruiting depot, Newport Barracks, Ky., May 28, 1872, to November 10, 1873. He rejoined his regiment November 18, 1873, and commanded it and Fort Garland, Colo., to August 6, 1874.

He joined the Eighth Infantry November 1, 1874, and commanded the regiment in Arizona to March, 1878, also commanding the Department of Arizona from March 22, 1875, to March 5, 1878, during which period he conducted operations in the field against hostile Apache Indians; commanding regiment in California March, 1878, to July, 1886; in Arizona to November, 1886, and at Fort Niobrara, Nebr., to December 8, 1890. President of the magazine-gun board to July 6, 1891. At Vancouver Barracks, Wash., commanding Department of the Columbia July 25, 1891, to January 5, 1892, when retired by operation of law, being 64 years of age.

He died at Seattle, Wash., September 4, 1895.

GEO. D. RUGGLES, *Adjutant General.*

Mrs. Kautz is now in receipt of the pension of \$30 per month allowed by the general law; but in view of the long and distinguished services of her husband, and the fact that, as shown by the testimony before your committee, she is practically without other resources than her pension, the passage of the bill is respectfully recommended, with the following amendment:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Fannie Kautz."

Add, after the last word, the words, "the same to be in lieu of her present pension."

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